## Legal Notice of Proposed Action Opportunity to Comment Eagle Rock Reforestation Project

The Forest Service, Kaibab National Forest, Williams Ranger District, is preparing a Decision Memo for the Eagle Rock Reforestation Project. The proposed action is to reforest approximately 300 acres within the Eagle Rock Wildfire burn area, approximately 8 miles north of Parks, Az. This project involves planting of native trees, provide browsing protection for planted trees and site preparation. The proposed action description and other information are available for review at the Williams Ranger District Office. Additional information regarding this action can be obtained on our website at <a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/kaibab/landmanagement/projects/">www.fs.usda.gov/projects/kaibab/landmanagement/projects/</a>.

In light of a recent court ruling (<u>Sequoia Forest Keeper v. Tidwell</u>, 11-cv-00679-LJO-DLB (E.D. Cal.)), the Forest Service will provide public notice, comment, and opportunity for administrative appeal for projects and activities documented with a "Decision Memo" (36 CFR 220.6(e)) until new instructions are issued by the Washington Office, or the Agency issues regulations addressing the Court's ruling. Only those who provide comment or express interest in this proposal during this comment period will be eligible to appeal the decision pursuant to 36 CFR part 215 regulations.

Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, oral, and electronic comments concerning this action will be accepted for 30 calendar days following the publication of this notice in *Arizona Daily Sun*. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for this analysis. Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. The regulations prohibit extending the length of the comment period. It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the comment period.

Written comments must be submitted to Martie Schramm, District Ranger of the Williams Ranger District, 742 S. Clover Road, Williams, AZ 86046. The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered comments are: 8:00am – 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Oral comments must be provided at the Responsible Official's office during normal business hours via telephone (928)-635-5600 or in person, or at an official agency function (i.e. public meeting) that is designed to elicit public comments. Electronic comments must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), or Word (.doc) to <a href="comments-southwestern-kaibab-williams@fs.fed.us">comments-southwestern-kaibab-williams@fs.fed.us</a>. In cases where no identifiable name is attached to a comment, a verification of identity will be required for appeal eligibility. If using an electronic message, a scanned signature is one way to provide verification.

Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to appeal must meet the information requirements of 36 CFR 215.6.